(i) Infrastructure and destination development at Champaner-Pavagadh in Gujarat for Rs.360.00 lakh.

(ii) Destination development of Tarnetar District Surendra Nagar, Gujarat for Rs.310.60 lakh

(iii) Integrated development of Duarka-Nageshwar-Bet Dwarka as a major tourist Circuit in Gujarat for Rs.798.90 lakh.

(iv) Integrated development of tourist facilities at Ambaji in Gujarat for Rs.353.94 lakh.

Identification of tourist places in country

433. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified 20 top tourist destinations in the country with an eye for wooing the potential foreign and domestic tourists; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government is considering to take to implement the programme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism has so far identified 22 mega destinations/circuits on the basis of tourism related data on domestic and foreign tourist visits, future potential and in consultation with State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Projects for development of tourist infrastructure at 15 of these mega destinations/circuits have also been sanctioned. Ministry of Tourism also co-ordinates with other Ministries such as Railways, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, and Urban Development etc. to achieve synergy with development programmes of these Ministries, for integrated and holistic development of tourist destinations and circuits.

Renovation of churches in Goa

434. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken renovation/beautification of churches in Goa;

(b) if so, the name of the project/scheme under which renovation/beautification has been undertaken and the cost involved in each case;

(c) by what date the work is scheduled to be completed;

(d) the agency through which the work is being executed; and

(e) the details of the work done, so far in each case?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) During the last five years an expenditure of Rs. 400.68 lakh has been incurred by Goa Circle of Archaeological Survey of India on renovation and upgradation of churches and convents in Goa which are under World Heritage. These works are implemented by Archaeological Survey of India on an ongoing basis as per Archaeological norms.